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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Altwan D. Cross, DOB 3/7/70, of 2929 Cimarron Trail #3, Madison, Wisconsin was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 150 months in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release for his involvement in distributing cocaine in 2004 in the Madison area. Cross pleaded guilty to these charges on January 27, 2005.

Although Cross disputed the amount of cocaine he was responsible for, Judge Crabb indicated that it would be "ridiculous [for her] to close her eyes to the evidence in this case," concluding that the government had established that Cross was responsible for in excess of five kilograms of cocaine.

The charges against Cross were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeff Anderson and Stephen Ehlke.

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